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 REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
HEAT TREATABLE COATED ARTICLE WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON (DLC) AND/OR ZIRCONIUM IN COATING
 without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

27 pages of specification and claims (including 55 numbered claims), and
 4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
 Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is
 hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____,
 the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
 The prior application is assigned to _____, _____
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or
 the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are
 not required.
 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449; Other:

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